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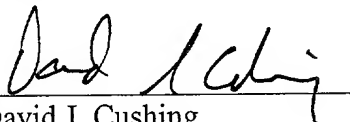
4. (Amended) Amplifier according to claim 1, characterized in that at least one pump radiation wavelength has a polarization which is orthogonal with respect to the polarization of at least one other pump radiation wavelength.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
Attorney Docket No. Q68485

**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The claims are amended as follows:

4. (Amended) Amplifier according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1,  
characterized in that at least one pump radiation wavelength has a polarization which is  
orthogonal with respect to the polarization of at least one other pump radiation wavelength.